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*Tomorrow at
Olympic Park*
WORLD CUP
—
1.30 p.m.
Poland v. Germany
—
2.50 p.m.
Italy v. Austria

CHINESE TEAM HERE NEXT WEEK

Will Play Test and State

THE Chinese Eastern Athletic Association from Hong Kong will visit Melbourne next week-end, and will play Australia in a Test match on Saturday, and Victoria on Sunday.

The Eastern-Athletic Association is the club which toured Australia in 1953. During that visit they played 16 matches, of which they won 10, drew 3, and lost 3.

So far on this trip they have been meeting far stronger opposition than that which they encountered in 1953, both from Australia and the European tourists. As a result, their roster is not studded with as many brilliant successes as formerly.

Victorian and Australian teams have both improved in recent years to an extent that makes next week's winners unpredictable, certainly with neither match a foregone conclusion.

It is believed that this will provide Victoria with a chance to take out an international win. It would prove a timely consolation prize for their excellent efforts against Ferencvaros and F. K. Austria.

Both matches will, of course, be played at Olympic Park:

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International Tours.

Following are the scores of the touring international teams up to last Sunday:

AUSTRIA

- v. Australia, 2-3 (June 29, Wallsend).
- v. Northern Districts, 4-1 (July 3, Cessnock).
- v. Australia, 8-3 (July 6, Sydney).
- v. Hungary, 1-2 (July 13, Melb.).
- v. Victoria, 7-2 (July 14, Melb.).
- v. China, 5-2 (15/7/57, Sydney).
- v. Hungary, 3-2 (20/7/57, Sydney).
- v. South Coast, 2-0 (17/7/57, Wollongong).

HUNGARY

- v. Western Australia, 6-1 (June 29, Perth).
- v. Western Australia, 9-0 (June 30, Perth).
- v. South Australia, 18-4 (July 3, Adelaide).
- v. Australian XI, 8-0 (July 6, Adelaide).
- v. Victoria, 8-1 (July 7, Melbourne).
- v. Australian XI, 2-2 (July 10, Hobart).

AUGUST.

- v. Austria, 8-1 (July 18, Melb.).
- v. China, 8-2 (17/7/57, Sydney).
- v. Austria, 2-3 (20/7/57, Sydney).
- v. China, 10-12 (22/7/57, Brisbane).

CHINA

- v. Northern Districts, 3-3 (July 7, Newcastle).

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DEATH OF CLUB PRESIDENT

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tended to the late Mr. Bar-
nett's family.

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J.U.S.T. HAS 1957 FLAG IN THE BAG

J.U.S.T. took out a first-mortgage on this year's First Division pennant when it defeated Slavia last week at the Showgrounds. **ONE MORE WIN AND THEY WILL FORECLOSE ON THE MORTGAGE!**

Actually, Slavia, Moreland, Hakoah and Juventus are still outside contenders for the dag; but, to win it, one of those clubs would have to win every one of its remaining four games, and J.U.S.T. would have to lose its last four matches.

Possible, of course — but an improbability of the highest order. We think that, just as J.U.S.T. is incapable of losing four in a row in its present form, nor one of the others is capable of winning four in a row.

Slavia's form in defeat last week was excellent, and the 8-1 result in favor of J.U.S.T. is most convincing. Mid-field play was very hard, fast, and even, and Slavia actually won more of the attack than J.U.S.T.

But whereas Slavia hit the frame three times and scored a dozen near-misses, J.U.S.T. scored three clean goals, and picked up two more from fumbled clearance attempts by Ray Bartoja, who was out of form on the day.

J.U.S.T. could have a "find" in

Next Saturday,

August 10th

CHINA

v.

AUSTRALIA

Sunday, August 11th

CHINA

v.

VICTORIA

Melbourne Gets Biggest Gates

For the first time, Melbourne has topped Sydney in gate takings — among national, interstate, and club — and is becoming a power of the strength of Australian soccer.

The key to this is Olympic Park, which could become this country's soccer "heart."

The grip on the Australian Association by N.S.W. has never been weaker, and control could easily pass to Victoria, whose prestige has never been higher. The high regard enjoyed by Victoria, Chairman and Secretary Mr. W. T. Thomas in the States could lead to his elevation to the top of the national body.

Scene 1955



Last Chinese visit to Melbourne was in 1952, and this was the scene at the Showgrounds with P.M. Elton deciding for Australia, and Yip Chack Tin, South China inside-left, handy.

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"Jerribong" offers congratulations to the referee of the World Cup match, Hungary v. Scotland. Why, "Jerribong"? Did he get married or something?

Wilberfima is very active club-wise, raising money to rent or buy a TV receiver for broken-legged, bed-bound Eric Yntema, who'll be in a heavy cast for six months. When the box comes rattling round, few fans will hesitate to put their bob in, especially if they know Eric — hard-hitting forward on the field, and the gentlest of gentlemen when off.

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Club Will Swap Boots for Walk-Shoes, Maps

JOHNSON Gully has not had a match for three weeks, in fact during yesterday's Cup round, and will be off during next week's Chinese visit. Gully's Secretary Smith says: "We get walk-over from G.M.R. two weeks ago, and walk-over from Paeser Vale last week. We cannot walk-over in soccer boots, and we don't know WHERE to walk-over without maps. So much walking-over without proper equipment is not practical."

To-day's Cup tie, Habash v. Macrae, is the first formal match between these two sides. They met informally in 1951 to select an Israel team for the Sunday International competition. On that occasion, Macrae won 5-1.

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Today's OLYMPIC PARK Line-up

George Cross

Reserve: L. Farrugia.

MANNERING

CATANIA JAYS

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VITI

Juventus

Sam Picked It

I think Juventus' run of successes will end on Sunday," said Mr. Sam Horrobin, Moreland's secretary, before last week's match. "Couldn't agree more," said the experts. Result: Moreland 1, Juventus 0.

A 38-year-old family heirloom — money bands — was lost at Olympic Park on July 13 by a regular soccer fan. The finder is requested to contact "Soccer News" or the Association Secretary.

• Ben White, one-time Prahran goal keeper and now a Box Hill utility player, became a daddy recently. Wife Ema — and daughter — doing well. Ben now getting a refresher course in drilling and the interpretation of passes!

• Rockwood very pleased with young Werner Pfeiffer, their goal keeper, who played with Brighton for a while, including their last eight senior matches.

Polonia Hard to Beat



Score its 1-1 draw with Moreland on June 1, Polonia has beaten Juventus, Brighton, Box Hill, Geelong, and Yallourn (Dockett Cup) in successive matches, and are back with the "hard to beat" slogan. Looks like Box in trouble here with Zukowski heading out and Wemysa hacking up.

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Second Division.

6 Clubs in Fight for Flag

... Des Hamilton.

WHEN leaders, George Cross and Hellenic, split the points last week, South Melbourne United, Hellenic, and Richmond tightened the explosive huddle at the top of the ladder.

Only three points cover the difference between the five clubs, and high tension is at peak load. Add to this the hot threat from Preston, with games up its sleeve — lawdy!

Metropolitan North.

WILD SWINGS

St. Albans, Heidelberg, and Baywater rose sharply, and University and Williamstown dropped kerplunk on a wildly swinging ladder after last week's results were in.

Only the consistent leader, I.C.L., and the roaring Lions maintained their lofty positions in the upper half of the table. The meeting of these two later in August could decide the pennant, and we know whom Lions will barrack for in the I.C.L.-St. Albans match, which is another key game in the flag-hunt.

With the seemingly endless procession of sleepless nights thus extended, many club-men are wishing that their teams rested comfortably in the middle of the table,

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United's Shock

—PAUL DORG.

SUNSHINE United took the honours of the day last Saturday when it sprung a shock 3-1 draw on League leader, Yarra Park.

The Victorian Colts are still in the ascendancy. Their latest victim was highly fancied Frankston, whom they dispensed from fourth position on the ladder. The Colts scored four clear goals without reply.

Coburg couldn't pierce the sound Hayduk defence nor beat giant keeper, Marks. Hayduk had its troubles too, but clinched both points with a successful penalty kick.

Dandenong scored their fifth consecutive win at the expense of Moorabbin, and could repeat their success at Olympic Park to-day when they meet the Colts.

The battle between relegation-threatened Moorabbin and F.N.D. ended in Moorabbin's first win of the season.

Metropolitan South.

COPS TOPS

—DON SUTHERLAND.

...

Barry Matthews.

NORMAL League games were suspended last Saturday for the second round of the various Cups.

In the Under 20 Division, Juventus quickly dispelled lingering doubts by defeating Brighton 8-3 entering the semi-finals with St. Kilda, Essendon "A" and Sunshine City, who beat Box Hill "A" 4-2.

Regardless of where they finish at the end of the season, these undefeated teams are in the blue-ribbon class in their League: Juventus Under 20, 11 games played, 37 goals for, 6 against; Lions Under 17, 11 games, 42 to 8; St. Kilda Under 18, 12 games, 62 to 6; and Sunshine City "A" Under 15, 12 games, 28 to 0.

Croatia performed extremely well to hold powerful Melbourne to a 0-0 result. Melbourne were in command throughout, due mainly to the efforts of captain Varas. Croatia's goalie was largely responsible for Melbourne's modest score.

Wilhelmina's clash with Sandringham City ended in fiasco when the ball burst early in the second half, and the match was abandoned with the score 1-1.

It is understood that vandals had stolen some equipment from the Burnley pavilion and the only ball available for the match was Sandringham's practice ball.

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Secretaries are reminded that all matches listed for August 10, postponed by the Chinese visit, are held over until new dates are fixed. Fixtures for the remainder of August will be played as shown in the Year Book.

To the Editor**FIRST THINGS FIRST**

SIR.—With regard to the German probe into the Victorian soccer set-up, I considered it good news. But who and what is it for?

Will it cover the good and welfare of ALL Victorian soccer, or just that part of it which is confined to the Metropolitan area?—Yours, etc.

F. W. McIVER.

17 Victoria Road,
Moorebank.

The general idea is to find ways and means of improving the organisation, administration, playing standards, publicity, and junior activities in Victorian soccer, in an attempt to do the same in the future. If you don't consider the news, reviews, programmes, and club gossip, etc., worth your attention, you can save it by approaching the club manager at the game you visit. They will gladly give you the line-up.—Ed.)

Line-ups

SIR.—"Soccer News" appears to

be unaware that many buyers get it to obtain the line-up of the match at which they are present.

Last week, I was again a "sucker," as the line-up for only one game was considered worthy of publication.—Yours, etc.,

S. HUNTER.

19 York Street,
Mont Albert.

Is "Soccer News" has often done, you can see it should be duplicated and sent to the coach of the team who never send in a team. To publish only one or two teams out of each of the five Divisions is useless. If you don't consider the news, reviews, programmes, and club gossip, etc., worth your attention, you can save it by approaching the club manager at the game you visit. They will gladly give you the line-up.—Ed.)

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS**HUNGARY v. CHINA, 10-2 (Brisbane).****FIRST DIVISION**

Warrnambool 6, Box Hill 5-1.
J.U.S.T. 6, Slavia 5-1.
Morland 4, Juventus 1-0.
Hakoah drew Brighton 2-2.
Footscray 4, Geelong 3-2.

SECOND DIVISION

Hellenic 4, Prahran 5-0.
South Melbourne 4, Sunshine City 3-0.
Yarraville 4, George Cross 4-0.
Preston 4, Footscray City, W.O.
Richmond 4, South Yarra 4-1.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES

Prahran 4, Sandringham C. 3-0.
Dandenong 4, Moorabbin City, W.O.
Lions 4, Heidelberg 1-0.
I.C.L. 4, Maribyrn 4-4.
Coburg 4, Park Rangers, 8-1.
Sunshine City 4, University, W.O.

THIRD DIVISION

Moorabbin City 4, F.N.D. 5-4.
Sunshine City 4, Yarra Park 1-1.
Park Rangers 4, Brunswick 7-2.
Slavia 4, Coburg 1-0.
Preston 4, Frankston 4-0.
Dandenong Rovers 4, Macleod, 4-1.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES

Warrnambool 4, Port Melbourne 4-3.
Melbourne 4, Coburg 4-0.
G.M.H. 4, Rosedale, W.O.
Wilhelmina drew Sandringham C. 1-1.

METROPOLITAN NORTH

Heidelberg 4, Maribyrn 4-2.
Heidelberg 4, University 3-2.
Bayswater 4, C.S.R.C. 4-0.
St. Albans 4, Williamstown, 1-0.
I.C.L. 4, C. F. Pert, 4-1.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH

Vic. Police 4, Port Melbourne 4-3.
Melbourne 4, Coburg 4-0.
G.M.H. 4, Rosedale, W.O.
Wilhelmina drew Sandringham C. 1-1.

METROPOLITAN SOUTHERN

Warrnambool 4, Port Melbourne 4-3.
Melbourne 4, Coburg 4-0.
G.M.H. 4, Rosedale, W.O.
Wilhelmina drew Sandringham C. 1-1.

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HOW THEY STAND

UNDER 17.

DIVISION 1.

Team.	Goals						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
J.U.S.T.	14	10	2	2	36	25	22
Moreland	14	7	2	5	33	26	16
Slavia	14	7	2	5	31	27	16
Geelong	15	5	6	4	25	22	16
Juventus	14	6	3	5	27	18	15
Hakoah	14	6	3	5	24	25	15
Wilhelmina	14	6	2	6	38	27	14
Polonia	14	6	2	6	26	24	14
Brighton	14	5	1	8	21	31	11
Box Hill	15	0	3	12	10	46	3

DIVISION 2.

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Geo. Cross	14	10	2	32	10	22	
S. Melb.	15	10	2	32	17	22	
Hellenic	14	10	0	4	43	21	20
Yallourn	15	7	5	3	37	18	19
Richmond	15	8	3	29	22	19	
Preston	13	5	5	3	26	20	15
Prahran	15	3	4	8	20	37	10
Footscray C.	14	2	4	8	22	37	8
Sunshine C.	14	2	3	9	16	31	7
S. Yarra	15	1	0	14	16	63	2
Box Hill	15	1	0	14	18	58	2

DIVISION 3.

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yarra Park	14	11	2	1	48	15	23
Dandenong	14	8	4	2	42	24	20
Haydock	15	8	4	3	28	21	20
Vic. Colts	15	8	1	6	45	25	17
Frankston	15	8	1	6	25	27	17
Coburg	15	7	2	6	32	17	16
Park R.	15	7	1	7	37	34	15
Maccabi	14	6	2	6	33	30	14
Sunshine U.	15	5	4	6	35	53	14
Brunswick	14	4	4	6	20	26	12
Moorabbin	15	1	3	11	27	65	5
F.N.D.	15	0	2	13	9	50	2

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
L.C.L.	15	10	4	43	20	24	
Lions	14	9	2	3	67	17	20
St. Albans	14	7	3	4	32	27	17
Bayswater	14	7	2	5	30	31	15
University	14	7	2	5	30	31	16
Heidelberg	13	7	1	5	28	22	15
W.Town	14	7	1	6	31	37	16
Fairfield	15	5	1	9	26	41	11
G.S.R.	15	3	1	11	25	51	7
C.F.C.	14	1	1	12	15	64	3

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

UNDER 20.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	14	13	1	0	113	14	27
Croatia	14	8	3	3	35	22	19
Ferntree G.	15	7	5	3	32	35	19
S. Melb.	14	8	1	5	51	33	17
Vic. Police	15	7	3	5	41	32	17
Wilhelmina	14	5	4	5	30	47	14
Rosebud	14	6	2	6	44	30	14
S'ham C.	14	4	3	7	33	50	11
G.M.H.	15	2	0	13	6	39	4
Footscray Vale	15	1	0	14	17	79	3
Essendon B	11	1	0	10	8	44	3

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lions	11	10	1	0	43	3	21
St. Kilda	12	9	0	3	39	10	18
Prahran	12	9	0	3	37	16	18
Preston	11	8	0	3	37	10	16
Dandenong	11	7	2	2	36	12	16
Box Hill	12	7	1	4	24	24	15
Army App.	8	7	0	1	33	12	14
Sunshine C.	12	4	1	6	22	22	8
Essendon	11	4	1	8	20	21	7
Brighton	12	3	1	8	20	21	7
Footscray	12	3	0	9	46	46	8
Wesley C.	12	3	0	10	21	49	4
Fairfield	12	2	0	12	3	76	0
Croydon	12	0	0	12	3	76	0

UNDER 15.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Kilda	12	12	0	0	92	10	24
Brighton	12	10	2	2	66	5	19
Essendon	12	9	1	2	42	20	17
Heidelberg	12	8	1	3	42	20	17
Prahran	12	7	2	3	29	12	15
S. Yarra	12	6	1	5	21	26	13
S. Melb.	12	5	1	6	21	28	11
Sunshine C.	12	3	0	9	13	52	6
Moorabbin	12	3	1	8	7	42	5
L.C.L.	11	2	0	1	42	59	5
B'meadows	11	1	1	0	8	59	0
Wesley C.	12	0	0	12	5	92	0

UNDER 13.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine C. A	12	12	0	0	93	0	24
Essendon	12	10	1	1	85	8	21
Ajax	12	9	0	0	29	5	18
E'meadows	12	6	3	2	17	20	15
S. Yarra	12	5	2	6	21	18	11
Brighton	12	4	1	2	7	25	9
St. Kilda	12	3	0	3	7	30	7
Sunshine C. B	12	3	0	9	6	44	6

CENTRAL ZONE.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Richmond	9	7	1	1	20		
Box Hill	9	6	2	1	23		
Swinburne	9	4	4	1	16		
Jordanville	9	2	2	5	12		
Prahran	9	1	3	5	10		
Ferntree G.	9	1	0	8	8		

SOUTHERN ZONE.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brighton	8	8	0	0	22	12	22
Dandenong	9	7	0	2	26	12	28
Oakleigh	9	6	1	3	16	23	23
Moorabbin	9	3	3	1	5	14	14
S'ringham	9	2	1	1	1	7	5
Caulfield	9	1	1	1	7	5	5

NORTHERN ZONE.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coburg	8	6	1	1	21		
Preston	7	5	0	2	22		
C'wood	7	5	0	2	22		
Sunshine	8	3	1	4	18		
Footscray	7	2	2	3	15		
Essendon	9	2	0	7	13		
Heidelberg	7	0	0	7	7		

Preston v. Footscray match postponed.

Points — Win. 4, Bye. 4, Draw. 2.